

MISSOURI CROP OUTLOOK.

Conditions Vastly Improved by the Recent Rain—How to Kill Chinch Bugs—Feeding Young Stock.

Columbia, Mo., May 12.—The general agriculture outlook continues to improve. Conditions at present are far more encouraging than at any time during the last week has been rapid and gratifying in all respects. From all over the Mississippi valley come reports of general rains, and all crops are making fine headway. Plenty of sunshine between showers makes continued farm work possible, and the crops are well advanced. Conditions in Missouri and the neighboring states are especially favorable. The monthly report, just issued by the Missouri board of agriculture, gives estimates that indicate an unusually prosperous season.

To judge from the frequent applications at the experiment stations here, the farmers are especially anxious about the chinch bug invasion just now, and the agricultural authorities are solicited for advice in the matter. The distribution of diseased chinch bugs by the stations has been discontinued, owing to the fact that spraying with a 10 per cent. solution of kerosene and water has been found to be a more effective method of exterminating the pests. In view of the unusual demand for information, however, Dr. H. J. Waters, of the state agricultural college, adds some additional advice.

"I would suggest in the first place," said Dr. Waters, "that all rubbish in the vicinity of the wheat and corn fields be burned at once, as it frequently affords a hiding place for the chinch bugs. If certain rows of wheat or corn are found to be badly infested, the bugs can be interrupted in their progress to other parts of the field by introducing, between a furrow, or path, or row of loose earth, over which they can not pass, through which they often perish in the attempt. Certain crops, such as flax and cow peas, are very objectionable to the chinch bugs, and by introducing rows of the same fields the insects may be prevented from passing from one to the other. These conclusions were reached by Prof. J. M. Stedman, of Missouri university, who has been experimenting with destroying insects, and has recently issued a pamphlet on the subject."

Prof. C. H. Eckles, of the university department of animal husbandry, has just returned from a tour of the state, during which he has been investigating the feeding of young stock, and is now preparing a bulletin on the subject, to be issued in a few days. A remarkable statement in this report will be to the effect that perhaps \$20,000,000 is wasted annually by allowing calves to consume all the milk of the mothers until 6 or 7 months old. This is permitted by a vast number of farmers, says Prof. Eckles, and is an appalling waste of milk, and an entirely unnecessary proceeding. By so doing, the farmer is making beef, worth 3 or 4 cents a pound, out of better fat, worth 20 to 25 cents a pound. By proper management, just as good a calf can be raised on milk after the cream has been taken out, as has been clearly demonstrated by scientific experiments. In his bulletin, Prof. Eckles will tell just how a calf can be raised on skimmed milk and grain food. The calf should be allowed the whole milk of its mother until 2 or 3 weeks old, after which skimmed milk should be gradually introduced. At the age of 6 or 7 weeks old, the animal should be subsisting entirely on skimmed milk and grain food. The latter should be given as soon as the animal will take it—frequently, but in small quantities at a time. This food should be either corn meal or cooked flaxseed. The former should be given first and the latter a few weeks later. All milk should be heated to a temperature of 100 degrees, and great care should be taken against overfeeding. Prof. Eckles believes that with a little care and extra labor many millions can be saved by adopting these methods.

First Winner of the Victoria Cross.

It will surprise most people to hear that the first winner of the Victoria cross "for valor" still lives, and in the person of Admiral C. D. Lucas, whose daring in promptly picking up from the deck and throwing overboard a live shell fired upon H. M. S. Hecla by the Russian batteries sent a thrill through the country in the early part of the Crimean war.

In connection with that unhappy yet heroic contest, the then young navy mate became as popular and famous as the soldier favorite, "Redan Massey," and both survived their exploits for many long and peaceful years. Originated by the prince consort, the Victoria cross was officially created in 1856, and in the following year the coveted distinction was bestowed by Queen Victoria, at a brilliant assemblage, in Hyde park, upon 62 officers and men of the army and navy, of whom no fewer than 19 have survived to the present time.—London Modern Society.

THE FRILLS OF FASHION.

Long sash ends of black tulle adorn the evening gowns.

Lace stocks are much more chic than stiff ribbons and collars.

White wash kid gloves are useful to wear with the shirt waist suit.

A belt buckle in front, one in black, and one on each side are none too many.

Bands of flowered lawn are inserted into the newest wide turnover collars and cuffs.

Quantities of flowers are used as berths, chetelaines, and sprays for evening wear, and some of the daintiest sleeves are composed entirely of chains of flowers.

A pretty handkerchief stock is one of those in part nouveau designs, flowers in colors, with long waving stems, finishing the edges of fine white handkerchiefs, the flowers finished with edges of embroidery in white.

Smart summer shoes and dainty openwork or lace trimmed stockings lend their share of prettiness to the general effect of modish dressing. One might say, indeed, that never before have women worn such fascinating accessories.

NOT AFRAID OF THE TRUTH.

Republican Administration Making Facts Regarding Philippines Known to the People.

Democratic critics of the administration can not complain that they have in any way been hindered in their search for facts to support their Philippine policy. Having first committed themselves to the theory that all the Filipinos are enlightened patriots, whose noble aspirations the administration has brutally thwarted, it then occurred to them that they ought to have some facts to justify this theory.

They have been permitted to rake the nation with a fine-tooth comb. They have heard tales of discharged soldiers with personal grievances, and of sentimental tourists whose delicate nerves could not endure the struggle of civilization against barbarism. They have discovered that possibly in some cases the nation's agents in the Philippines have been provoked beyond endurance by its treacherous and bloodthirsty foes, and have met their savagery with savagery. They have also discovered that on the whole never in the world's history has the irrepressible conflict between barbarism and civilization been conducted with greater patience and humanity on the part of the forces of civilization than by our army in the Philippines.

The critics of their own country, the faultfinders with their kinsmen, have had their day in court, says the Chicago Inter-Ocean. They have presented their evidence, and argued upon it to the jury with every possible device of misrepresentation and appeal to prejudice. The incidental abuses that they have trumpeted so loudly the administration had moved to correct before their correction was even formally asked. If any American officer has overstepped the limits set upon warfare even against the most savage and implacable foes, he will be punished. The facts will be ascertained, and the United States, as it ever has, will do justice alike to its own sons and to barbarians who know not the meaning of the word.

The democratic assault upon the army has been useful in disclosing the character of the people with whom it has to deal in the Philippines. It has proved that while a very few Filipinos may be called civilized, and that great numbers are simply barbarians, probably the majority are in that transition stage where men are most difficult to deal with. Having some of the mental traits of civilized men, their morals are still those of the barbarian, and under pressure of any struggle they constantly tend to relapse into savagery. They have as yet taken from civilization little but its weapons, mental and physical, and have for it no moral attachment.

Yet these are the people whom the democratic senators still insist ought to be given absolute independence, and whom this nation should leave to their own devices by scuttling out of the Philippines. The absurdity of such a conclusion from such facts is evident to the feeblest intelligence. The American people will never accept that conclusion. They will never confess that they are weaker than their sires. They will no more yield to savagery and barbarism in the Philippines than their fathers yielded to them on this continent.

The administration was not afraid of the truth about the Philippines, because its leaders understood that, with all allowance for individual error, the American people's acts in the Philippines must be right because their desires are right. And the truth has justified the administration's confidence in itself, in the army, and in the people of which the army is a part. The democratic criticisms have been given all the rope they demanded, and are now hanging themselves. There will be no scuttling from the Philippines, because we are rightfully there, and our deeds as a whole have been righteous.

COMMENT AND OPINION.

Some people seem to be aching to hear things to the discredit of the American soldiers who are upholding the flag of their country in the Philippines.—Chicago Tribune.

There has been nothing baser in American history than the congressional attack in the rear upon our soldiers in the Philippines, 8,000 miles away.—Indianapolis Journal.

Now Bryan is to go to Cuba as the correspondent of an illustrated weekly. Wonder if the "colonel" realizes that they are simply using him because he is a freak?—Iowa State Register.

There is again a disposition in Boston to organize a new party for the purpose of "punishing" the republican party, but the attempt will probably be abandoned in view of the fact that some of the leaders are being allied to already as "Moros."—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

Pennsylvania reports 25 tin-plate manufacturing, employing 1,500 hands and turning out an annual product of \$12,500,000. Free traders had great sport at first over this "infant industry," but the subject has long since passed from their minds.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Silver has fallen to 23 5-16 pence per ounce, the lowest price for this metal in the history of the world. And still trade goes on and the world remains indifferent. How foolish and pitiful do the speeches of 1890, filled with sound and fury signifying utter destruction for everybody, if silver were to go lower, look in the cold light of the present situation.—Richmond Times (Dem.).

The democratic Louisville Evening Post objects to the presidential candidacy of Senator Bailey for reasons thus set forth: "It is Senator Bailey's opinions on current affairs, his narrowness and his opposition to the onward march of American progress, rather than the place of his birth and residence, that make him an impossibility." In this respect does not Mr. Bailey typify modern democracy, and for that reason is he not the most appropriate candidate that could be found?—Albany Journal.

THE SAME CROWD.

Those Predicting Ruin and Destitution in Cuba Unless Tariff is Reduced Did Same Years Ago.

Some of the same persons that are now declaring that the Cuban republic cannot possibly survive unless this government removes a large part of the duties that are imposed by the general tariff law upon goods passing between this country and the island, were assuring the American people just as positively and emphatically a few years ago, that the Porto Ricans were surely doomed to ruin and destitution if the law imposing on the articles passing between Porto Rico and the United States a reduced duty, for a time, should be passed and go into operation.

The law was passed and remained in operation until, according to its terms, it expired through due notice from the Porto Ricans that they were prepared and able to defray the expenses of their government by local taxation. And the Porto Ricans did not suffer because of the tariff. On the contrary, they have been steadily growing in prosperity since they were freed from Spanish rule. That, too, though a devastating hurricane visited their island and caused a great loss, of which a large part fell upon those least able to bear it.

Late advices from Porto Rico tell of a large and steadily growing demand for good clothes of American manufacture. The people of the island are casting off the comparatively primitive raiment that they were under Spanish rule, and clothing themselves in good American style. And in a tropical country the people do not begin to spend money for more and better clothes than necessity demands until they have an abundance of it.

Of course, says the Albany Journal, the persons who were abusing the government and expressing a great deal of sympathy of the erodecic variety for the Porto Ricans when it was decided to make their products subject to a tariff, are saying nothing about the condition of Porto Rico now. They are howling for "justice for Cuba," and putting forth copious dissertations on what the United States owes to the island, regardless of its own interests. Two years hence, Cuba will be so prosperous that these persons will be silent on this subject too.

PEACE IN PORTO RICO.

Everything Quiet and People Are Happy and Contented in Our New Possession.

Porto Rico has not been saying much, but has been doing a great deal. The imports from the West Indian territory are three times as great as they were before 1898, and the exports to the island five times as great. There has never been a vestige of discontent with American rule, nor has there been a whisper that the Americans have conducted themselves either with dishonesty or cruelty. Chief Leadley, of the record division of the civil service commission, reports that the Porto Ricans who took the examination were an orderly, well-behaved, and intelligent set of young men who passed their examinations as creditably as did the American applicants. Their knowledge of American geography, which was expected to be deficient, was excellent. Many of them knew English perfectly. Neither Mr. Atkinson nor Senator Hoar can "point with pride" to the horrors of "imperialism" as demonstrated in Porto Rico. The reason that American sincerity has been such an immense success, says the Chicago Tribune, is that peace has prevailed in the island since the Stars and Stripes were hoisted there. When the army shall have finally and definitely established peace in the Philippines, in spite of the fire in the rear, it is fair to assume that the same prosperity and content now observable in the West Indian island will spread over the Pacific archipelago. The anti-imperialists must realize that whether we abandon the islands eventually, or continue in them, peace is now the first desideratum. In the first alternative, the United States will not leave the archipelago in the face of an enemy's fire. Hence the longer the Filipinos are encouraged in resistance, and the more they are prolonged, the more they are. In the second alternative, the longer they are urged on in what must inevitably prove a losing fight, the more distant are their days of peace and plenty.

Protection and Revenue. The surplus in the Treasury—An Argument Against Tariff Reduction. From present indications it appears that the surplus in the United States treasury for the fiscal year ending June 30 will be only about \$79,000,000 instead of \$100,000,000, the estimated sum. The surplus for April was only \$4,687,300. The average for the months was \$6,584,000, the surplus to May 1 being \$65,845,367. It is believed that the average will not be exceeded in May and June, hence the revised estimate.

The surplus that is now in sight will just about equal the sum by which the government's income for next year will be reduced through the abolition of the remaining war taxes. If the expenses for the coming year were to be no greater, they would just about be balanced by the income. But they will be greater, and as the ordinary government revenues are not likely to be larger next year than this, the balance sheet for the fiscal year 1902-3 is likely to show a deficit.

This prospect, says the Albany Journal, is an additional argument against tariff reduction. We shall need the present import duties for revenue as well as for protection.

Gen. Funston, having been ordered not to talk politics, certain democratic statesmen who maintained discreet silence while he was under restraint are now belaboring him with might and main. This is not particularly creditable to their courage, but proves that they have great powers of discretion.—Albany Journal.

Mr. Bryan barks just as lustily to the curiosity seekers in the political midway as if he still had a show.—Chicago Tribune.

THE SURGEON'S KNIFE.

Mr. Eckles Stevenson of Salt Lake City Tells How Operations for Ovarian Troubles May Be Avoided.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM—I suffered with inflammation of the ovaries and womb for over six years, enduring aches and pains which none can dream of but those who have had the same experience. Hundreds of dollars went to the doctor and the druggist. I was simply a walking medicine chest and a physical wreck. My sister residing in Ohio wrote me that she had been cured of womb trouble by using Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and advised me to try it. I then discontinued all other medicines and gave your Vegetable Compound a thorough trial. Within four weeks nearly all pain had left me. I rarely had headaches, and my nerves were in a much better condition, and I was cured in three months, and this avoided a terrible surgical operation."—Mrs. Eckles Stevenson, 250 So. State St., Salt Lake City, Utah.—\$5000 Perfit if above testimonial is not genuine.

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ELEGANT DINING CARS.

New Service Inaugurated on the Iron Mountain Route.

The Iron Mountain Route has inaugurated a new dining car service on its fast daily trains from St. Louis, Memphis and intermediate points to Texas. These cars have just been turned out of the Pullman shops and are models of skillful workmanship. They are completely fitted up, thoroughly equipped with the latest appliances and lighted with electricity. They are also supplied with electric fans. Meals are served a la carte from dainty Haviland china, Libby cut glassware and elegant silverware. This is the only line running dining cars from St. Louis to points in Southern Missouri, Arkansas and Texas. It has a triple daily service between St. Louis and Texas and a double daily service between Memphis and Texas of Pullman sleeping cars with electric lights, fans and all up-to-date appliances.

Well Named. Mr. Bacon—Why do you suppose they call employment agencies "bureaus"? Mr. Bacon—Because a fellow can never find what he wants in one, I suppose.—Yonkers Statesman.

Train Ran 180 Miles in 180 Minutes. Springfield, Ill., April 16.—The Continental Limited on the Wabash Railroad has made a new record from Tilton to Granite City, making 180 miles in 180 minutes. This was with five stops—three station stops, one to change engines and one to take on coal. The actual running time was two hours and thirty-eight minutes. The run from Danville to Decatur, 71.6 miles, was made in 70 minutes, including stops at Tilton and Bement.—St. Louis Republic, April 17th, 1902.

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Only a Bird. Nervous Lady (as a large bird flies before the vessel)—Oh, captain, is that an omen? Matter-of-Fact Captain—No, madam; that is a seagull.—Judge.

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"CONTINENTAL" NEW RECORD.

Glips Two Minutes Between St. Louis and Decatur.

The Wabash "Continental Limited" made a new record Thursday night between Decatur and St. Louis, cutting two minutes off the best previous record. Engineer Braddock, with No. 607, a new high-speed engine, made the 105 miles from Decatur to Granite City in 101 minutes. A five minute stop was made at Litchfield, making the actual running time ninety-six minutes, an average of 65.4 miles for the whole distance. Best previous time was ninety-eight minutes. From Decatur to Granite City, 102 miles, the time was seven minutes, or at the rate of 87.42 miles an hour. The forty-seven miles from Boody to Honey Bend were made in forty minutes—70.5 miles an hour. The train departed from Decatur an hour and forty minutes late, and had, besides the regular equipment, President Ramsey's private car. Wabash officials say that the new engines will make a hundred miles an hour before the summer is over.—St. Louis Republic, April 11th, 1902.

False Hopes. "How did you like the speech?" they asked Tommy, on his way home from the political meeting.

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